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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th September 1877, No. 2,942.

Famine Relief.

Read the following paper:—

No. 683. From E. J. SEWELL, Esq., Special Assistant Collector in charge of Relief Works, to J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Balapahoor, 14th September 1877, No. 219.

I have the honor to forward the following report on the physical condition of laborers on relief-works in the Pulivendla Taluq.

2. On the 28th August I recorded the results of examining nearly 800 laborers on the Coorli ghaut. This was before the receipt of your circular directing the examination of considerable numbers. I was engaged in weeding the laborers and adopted the plan of noting down the physical condition of one gang taken at random out of every five examined. This is the reason why the number is not larger.

The results are tabulated as follows:

1	2	3	4	5
Total.	Good.	Fair.	Indifferent.	Bad.
792	228	380	180	4

4. The indifferent and bad are about 23½ per cent. of the whole, leaving more than 75 per cent. in good and fair condition. The proportion of the latter would have been far larger had it not been for the laborers on the road from the Kadiri Taluq who were invariably in a very low condition. All persons who were, or would have been, classed as indifferent and bad were sent away with tickets for village relief.

5. Yesterday (September 13th) I spent the whole day (except three hours in the middle of the day) in counting and examining the laborers at Balapahoor on the Royachoty to Yellanoor road. The total number of men, women, and working children is 4,180, of whom I noted the condition of 3,286 with the following results:—

1	2	3	4	5
Total.	Good.	Fair.	Indifferent.	Bad.
3,286	998	1,688	566	38

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6. The indifferent and bad are only 18½ per cent., so that over 80 per cent. of those employed are in good and fair condition.
7. I believe that many of them are not in any great need of relief, and that, if they were kept to work all day and made to do anything like the prescribed task, large numbers of them would leave the works.
8. This matter forms the subject of a separate letter. As soon as village-relief tickets can be written and distributed, the indifferent and bad will be sent to their villages and orders issued to admit none but the able-bodied to work hereafter.

No. 599.

- SUBMITTED for the information of Government.
2. The condition of the coolies appears throughout to be very fair particularly at Balapanur.
3. Mr. Sewell has already been requested to turn off the works those who are found not to be in need of relief.
4. Maistries and head coolies will, no doubt, offer a good deal of passive resistance to the measures which I have directed, but Mr. Sewell has shown himself to be an officer who will carry out his instructions, and I hope that another week or so will show a considerable reduction in the numbers upon works in the Pulivendla Taluq, to which I have more than once taken exception as being unnecessarily high.

Cuddapah,
18th September 1877.

(Signed) J. W. JOHNSTON,
Special Deputy Collector.
for Acting Collector.

No. 684.

ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1877, No. 2,942.

Miscellaneous.

The Collector's instructions are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Cuddapah.
.. the Board of Revenue.
.. the Sanitary Commissioner.
.. the Financial Department.

Encl. J. W. Fischer.

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and fair condition. The proportion of the latter would have been far larger had it not been for the labourers on the road from the Nadiri talag who were invariably in a very low condition. All persons who were, or would have been, classed as Indifferent and Road were sent away with tickets for village Relief.

5. Yesterday (September 13th) I spent the whole day except three hours in the middle of the day, in counting and examining the labourers at Balapanoor on the Royachoty to Mellanoor road. The total number of men, women, and working children is 4,185 of whom I noted the condition of 3,286 with the following results—

1	2	3	4	5
Total	Good	Fair	Indifferent	Road
3286	998	1084	1066	38

The Indifferent and Road are only 18 1/2 per cent that over 80 per cent of those employed are in good and fair condition. I believe that many of them are not in any need of Relief and that if they were kept at work all day and made to do any thing like prescribed task large numbers of them would leave the works. This matter forms the subject of a separate

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I have &c

(Sigd) E. J. Swell
Spt. Dy. Collector
In charge of Relief works

(True Copy)

N^o 599

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The condition of the Coolies appears throughout to be very fair particularly at Balapanoor.
3. Mr. Swell has already been requested to turn off the works those who are found not to be in need of Relief.
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Cuddapah Collr's Office
18th September, 1877

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Mr. Swell
Special Dy Collector
for Ag Collector.

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